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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, March 24th.....8:30 P.M.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE SERVICE

Symposium

"New Careers for Jewish Youth"

The Nature of the Problem:

Mr. Lester Metzger

Its Historical Background:

Mr. Jerome Oppenheimer

Correctives:

Mr. Carl Frucht

The annual Young Folks League Service will this year be given over to a discussion of one of the most vexing issues in American Jewish living. How can the overconcentration of Jews in certain middle-class occupations be corrected? What can be done to open up new careers for Jewish youth which has encountered extraordinary difficulty in making an economic adjustment? Three young men, members of our Young Folks League, representatives of Jewish youth which faces this economic problem, will discuss the issue from diverse viewpoints.

Saturday Morning, March 25th.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation — 10:30 A.M.

Friday Evening, March 31st.....8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Milton Steinberg:

THE DECLINE OF EUROPE'S CONSCIENCE

A slender volume has just been published by a thoughtful young rabbi of Chicago, Dr. Charles Shulman, with the title, "Europe's Conscience in Decline." In his book Rabbi Shulman gives the evidences of the deterioration of the moral standard of the western world. The issues which Rabbi Steinberg will discuss are: Has there been a decline in the human conscience, and if so, how shall we account for it?

Saturday Morning, April 1st.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation — 10:30 A.M.

THE FIRST DAYS OF PASSOVER

Monday and Tuesday Evenings, April 3rd and 4th.....6 P.M.

Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings, April 4th and 5th.....9:30 A.M.

Sermons — 10:45 A.M.

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FROM OUR PULPIT

A very large congregation assembled on Friday evening, March 10th, to hear Dr. Frank Kingdon, President of Newark University, discuss the theme, "The Advantage of Being Human." In a vivid and stimulating lecture Dr. Kingdon listed man's intelligence, his capacity for co-operation and sympathy as the virtues within man which compensate him for the pain and the anxiety of his human existence.

On Friday evening, March 17th, Rabbi Steinberg in a fascinating review of Edna Ferber's autobiography, "A Peculiar Treasure," praised the influence of Judaism on the de-Judaized Jew. He pointed out, "even those who have maintained but little of the external forms of the Jewish tradition often exhibit the stamp of Judaism in their lives; in an unusual love of learning, in a high measure of social idealism, in a preference for peace without violence, in an urge to philanthropy, and in the solidarity of their family lives. It follows therefore that those who believe in these human traits are under an obligation to help perpetuate the tradition which stamped them upon Jews."

THE MEN'S CLUB

On Thursday evening, April 6th, the Men's Club will present as their guest speaker the Hon. Leo R. Sack, American Minister to Costa Rica. Men and women are invited to hear this interesting lecture.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Junior Congregation Friday afternoon service—
5 P.M.

Friday evening service, March 24th—8:30 P.M.
Young Folks League Service

Saturday morning service, March 25th—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Sunday School sessions, March 26th—9:45 A.M.

Monday evening, March 27th

Adult Classes
Choral Group

Tuesday afternoon, March 28th—1 P.M.
Sisterhood meeting

Tuesday evening, March 28th—8:30 P.M.
Young Folks League Meeting

Friday evening service, March 31st—8:30 P.M.

Saturday morning service, April 1st—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Saturday evening, April 1st—8:30 P.M.
Dance of Young Folks League

Sunday School sessions, April 2nd—9:45 A.M.
Practice Seder

Monday and Tuesday evenings,
April 3rd and 4th—6 P.M.
Passover services

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings,
April 4th and 5th—9:30 A.M.
Passover services

Thursday evening, April 6th—8:30 P.M.
Men's Club meeting
Hon. Leo R. Sack, speaker

FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO
THE SEMINARY

Will you please send your donation on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary to Rabbi Steinberg at your earliest convenience and so spare him the necessity of writing to you again.

SISTERHOOD FLASHES

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

! Surprise !

Sisterhood Birthday Party

! Surprise !

Tuesday, March 28th, at 1 P.M. promptly

A most unusual program has been arranged for that day and we want to greet **every member** of the Sisterhood. A delightful afternoon is in store for you and we do not want you to miss such grand fun.

LAST CALL

Help Swell the Charity Fund

If you have not already purchased tickets for Arthur de Filippi's fine concert, please do so at once while there is still an opportunity to secure excellent orchestra seats.

Time: Sunday, April 2nd, at 3 P.M.

Place: Town Hall, West 43rd Street

Price: One dollar.

Please communicate with Mildred Abrams, 3273-33rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, and she will be happy to mail the tickets.

Mr. de Filippi has always been gracious to us, so please help him to make this concert a truly outstanding occasion.

JOURNAL FOR JUNE 1st LUNCHEON

Mrs. L. L. Shapiro, Chairman of the Journal Committee, needs everyone to assist her in this gigantic undertaking. She can be reached at the Synagogue every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 1.

Please bring or send in your ads now.

The Sisterhood will be hostess at Welfare Island on Thursday afternoon, May 18th. Anyone who can secure entertainment of any type, preferably humorous, please inform Irma Heller, Sisterhood President. And don't forget to save your old stockings. The inmates on the Island use them in making rugs and mats. Please bring them to the next Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, March 28th.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The eighth day of Passover is Tuesday morning, April 11th. A memorial card is enclosed. If you wish the names of your departed kinsfolk to be memorialized, please return this card at your earliest convenience.

THE YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

The next regular business meeting of the League will be held on Tuesday evening, March 28th, at 8:30 P.M.

The League has just become members of the Manhattan Region of the Young People's League of the United Synagogue. At the last meeting of this League which was held Wednesday, March 15th, they had election of officers. The office of 2nd Vice-president went to Joseph J. Oppenheimer, Treasurer of our League.

The Young People's League is holding their National Convention at Atlantic City on March 25th and 26th at which time the League will be well represented by a large delegation from the Park Avenue Synagogue.

We invite all young people interested in the Young Folks League to attend our next meeting and join us in our social and welfare work.

FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Cordial congratulations of the congregation to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel E. Hess on the birth of their daughter, Judith.

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To Dr. Martin Gray, the sympathies of the congregation on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Gray.

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To Mrs. Louis Heller, best wishes on her birthday on March 23rd.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Luebeck, the felicitations of the congregation on their wedding anniversary on April 3rd.

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THE SCHOOL

On Sunday morning, March 12th, the children of the Junior Department were given a special treat. George Osserman of Class 7 brought his marionette stage to the auditorium and with the aid of Alan Davidson and Betty Ann Marquith presented a Purim puppet show. During the Senior Assembly the Board of Trustees of the Junior Congregation presented a model Friday evening service. The following pupils participated: William Putterman, cantor; Sanford Hahn, junior rabbi; Bernard Kabakow, reader. Louis Heller delivered a sermon on the theme, "We Jews Are Not Alone." Everyone agreed that the service was both inspiring and interesting.

On Sunday morning, March 26th, the assembly program will be conducted by Class 7 under the guidance of Mr. Arthur Gang. The theme of the assembly will be "The London Conference of the Jews and Arabs."

In keeping with the customary tradition, the Sunday School will hold its Practice Seder on Sunday morning, April 2nd. This year, however, the students will participate more actively although Rabbi Steinberg will, as usual, preside. Parents are cordially invited to attend the service.

PARENTS GROUP PREPARES HOME OBSERVANCE PAMPHLETS

The Parents Group which meets with Rabbi Steinberg on Sunday mornings has as a result of its meetings undertaken an interesting project. It is planning a series of pamphlets which are to go to parents, giving them instructions as to how to observe each Jewish festival and holiday so as to make the occasion more meaningful both to the parents and their children. The leaflets under preparations include:

A Sabbath Observance leaflet, embracing all rituals from the kindling of the lights to the Havdalah.

A Chanukah leaflet, with suggestions for the observance of that festival.

A Purim leaflet.

A leaflet for daily prayers and worship.

In connection with the last, a contest is being held throughout the Sunday School. Children are being invited to write original prayers for the early morning and for retiring at night. The School has been grouped into three divisions—the lowest three classes, the next five classes and the high school department. The Parents Group will offer a prize for the two best prayers in each division. When the prayers have been collected and edited, they will constitute the larger part of the daily observance leaflet.

It is hoped that through this device parents may be encouraged to cooperate more fully with the School in making Jewish traditional values relevant to the lives of their children.

ACTIVITIES IN THE YOUTH GROUPS

Forthcoming events in the Collegiate Division are a hike for the members on Sunday morning, April 2nd, and a Spring Dance on Saturday evening, April 8th at the Synagogue. All young people of college age are invited to attend the dance which promises to be a very enjoyable affair.

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The Coterie Club is planning an unusual party on Saturday evening, March 25th, when a Scavenger Hunt will be held.

The Junior Coterie Club added another pleasant afternoon to its meetings when the members gathered at the home of Phyllis Sack on March 19th.

PASSOVER RECORDS RELEASED

RCA-Victor has just released an album of Passover Seder songs as sung by Cantor Putterman and choir. This album consists of thirteen inch records containing twelve selections.

Kiddush (Sanctification)

Kol Dichfin (All who are hungry)

Ma Nishtanoh (Why is this night different)

Dayenu (Sufficient for us)

Ki Lo Noeh (To Him all praise)

Adir Hu (Mighty He)

Echod Mi Yodea (Who knows one?)

Chad Gadyo (An only kid)

Ma-aseh Vigdi (Story of a kid)

Yetsiat Mitsrayim (Exodus from Egypt)

Eshalah Elohim (I ask God)

Techezaknah (O Strengthen)

The records are intended for use in schools, clubs, homes, etc. and for all interested in Jewish folk music. They will bring much added joy and delight when heard and sung at your Passover Seder celebration.

MR. BENJAMIN SACK, ACTING CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Benjamin Sack, a member of the School Board, has temporarily taken over the duties of administering our School. Mr. Ezra Cohen, the permanent chairman of the Board, has, because of the pressure of personal affairs, asked to be relieved of his duties.

To the retiring chairman, The Scroll expresses the thanks of the congregation for his conscientious, faithful service in administering our School. To the incoming chairman, its congratulations and best wishes for his success in dealing with the complicated problems involved in one of the most significant divisions of our Synagogue.